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For a Patent for an :

AUTOMATIC MEASURING DEVICE :

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OF A TOOL FOR A MACHINE TOOL : January 9, 2007

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed in this matter on March 30, 2006, advised the U.S. Patent Office of a co-filed International Application, No. PCT/FR2004/000507,

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which has since been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/550,780.

An Office Action has issued for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/550,780, and the following documents are cited in the issued Office Action:

<u>U.S. Patents</u>

6,338,477 (Moore) - Issued: January 15, 2002

5,537,927 (Rogovein et al.) - Issued: July 23, 1996

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2006/0208409 A1 (Thibaut et al.) -

- Published: September 21, 2006

Copies of the above-listed U.S. patent documents have not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement in view of the waiver of such requirements for International Applications which entered their U.S. national stage after June 30, 2003 (OG Notices; 05 August 2003).

Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the above-listed documents by initialing the

PTO-1449 form (1) which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which lists the foregoing documents, and by providing applicants with an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of the listed documents.

Because a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed in connection with this patent application, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) has been submitted herewith, and corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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